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THE INCOME TAX POLICY.

The people charged with the conduct of Federal affairs, whatever their politics, had rather depend on the customs and the internal bureau for government income than upon any form of direct taxation. The reason is obvious. In the case of imported sugar a certain large aggregate revenue may be depended upon. Sugar cannot escape the levy of the tariff; and the treasury is able to count on so much return. But if sugar was freed from duty and an income tax substituted for it as a revenue-producer, certainty as to amounts would vanish and constitutional questions would arise to perplex the authorities. When Cleveland turned to the income tax he turned in vain because of an adverse decision of the Supreme Court; but so far as he went—for the tax was collected under protest until the decision came—the amount realized was disappointing to the government.

In the first place a man of taxable income would treat the Federal income tax inquisitor precisely as he does his local assessor. No man wants to pay large taxes; and the average man returns his values at the lowest possible figure. He will always do so. Any man is particular about having his private affairs looked into and so, as far as he can, he keeps his income to himself. Probably it has never been as large as the public imagines. It is subject, under all income tax laws, to certain discounts. These the owner magnifies as much as possible. Then again incomes are apt to shift with the vicissitudes of business; and the hard times that would come of an essay in free trade by the Federal government would cut incomes down so far that a vast number of good ones would find safety from taxation behind the low-water \$5000 mark. The government would get the bad end of the bargain.

Then again the expense of getting, say, \$60,000,000 from incomes would be considerably greater than that of getting the same amount from the customs. The inquisition would call for a lot of men to run it.

Then take the political effect! It is doubtful, under our American system of politics, that an administration which enforces a measure that aggravates the well-to-do classes, can outlast their hostility. True, if the classes were divided into opposing camps the poor or comparatively poor men would vastly outnumber the wealthier people; but those who hold the purse, in all countries, make it to the interest of the less fortunate to work for them and in nine times out of ten win their points. We once had a definite income tax but it did not breathe the breath of life for long.

It is these things that make the policy doubtful at all times from the fiscal standpoint and ruinous to the party that undertakes it.

All Things For All Men

If you are a believer in extreme Calvinism you may still find branches of Presbyterianism whose tenets will satisfy you. If you believe in the doctrines of the Baptists, that denomination is everywhere and commendably ready to expound them. If you do not wish to hear the doctrines of the regular Baptists, there is the great and growing body called Christians (or Presbyterians), which will provide the sacraments according to your belief and with no other and different doctrines.

There are several divisions of Presbyterians, as also of Congregationalists, and churches in those bodies differ greatly from one another in their doctrinal beliefs and general spirit.

If you would prefer the Roman Catholic Church, it is almost everywhere. If you do not wish to be under its iron control, but differ from it only in few points, the extreme high-church Protestant Episcopalians can be found in every large city, and frequently in the country districts. If you do not agree entirely with their views you can find a middle class, and here and there an old-time evangelical Protestant Episcopal Church. There is also the broad-church view among Protestant Episcopalians.

If you wish zeal, there are still Methodist churches to be found that will meet your desires. If you would prefer a church of that order which cannot be identified as a church except by the hymnal, it can be found. The Methodist churches are very numerous and they vary in spirit more than they did formerly. You can find the calmest and most unemotional church, if you wish it, in all cities; and others whose characteristics resemble those of a century ago.

But if you cannot make up your mind to join any of these, the Universalists are ready to disperse the gloom that sometimes rests upon the mind and heart of an evangelically brought up Christian who is not living in the spirit and letter of that form of religion. If you cannot be satisfied with that, you find here and there throughout the country, often far apart, the Unitarian churches. That small but highly respectable body exhibits remarkable differences. There remain a very few with the old Channing spirit and doctrines, and more that have glided or rushed so far to the outer circle of religion that were it not for a few forms of religious worship all the signs of Christianity would disappear.

There remains also that ancient Society of Friends, who sing no hymns, administer no sacraments, and preach not till the Spirit moves them. These are the orthodox branch; the Hicksites are practically Unitarians without the embellishments of music, painted windows, organs and choirs.

In our country all the religions of all the Christian nations, so called, are represented, and services are conducted in English and in all languages of the millions immigrating here.—Christian Advocate Letter.

The Last of The "Maine"

The burial of the Maine last Saturday was one of the most remarkable naval exhibitions that ever was made. It was a true funeral, melancholy, dignified and immensely picturesque. Everything about it, and about the proceedings that led up to it, is remarkable. They have all been governed almost entirely by sentiment. To get the Maine up out of the harbor of Havana was a costly and very difficult job. It was not necessary. The sunken hulk could have been blown to pieces where she lay. But there was a strong feeling that that was not the way to do it; that an autopsy should be held on the remains of that vessel; that the bones of the dead should be taken out of her; and that if it were possible she should be made to float again and disposed of as seemed desirable.

And so it has been done. The coffin was built, the autopsy was held, and the bones of the dead have been removed; all offers of showmen and relic-hunters have been refused, and finally the historic wreck has gone honorably down to Davy Jones, amid a thunder of salutes, and covered all with roses and a great flag of the United States.

It has been well done. Sentiment did it.—Harper's Weekly.

Recall in Virginia Mountains

So tragic a matter as the shooting of Judge Massie and his court officers at Hillsville, Va., makes a bad setting for a smile, but if it were not for that one would smile at the recallers, confronted with this example of their theory carried out in its simplest form. Everybody knows about the mountain people of Virginia and the adjoining States, their isolated communities, feuds, clanishness and lawlessness. The pity of the good Judge's death is almost equalled by the pity of his murderers' crime. These mountain people are like children who have run wild, and very like the Highland Scotch as we read of them in Scott's novels. It is an ill task to hunt them down, and a dangerous one, too, but of course there is nothing else to do, and it is being done apparently with proper vigor.—Harper's Weekly.

THE OLD SONGS

By WALT MASON.

The modern airs are cheerful, melodious and sweet, we hear them sung and whistled all day upon the street. Some lilting ragtime ditty that's rollicking and gay will gain the public favor and hold it—for a day. But when the day is ended, and we are tired and worn, and more than half persuaded that man was made to mourn, how soothing then the music our fathers used to know! The songs of sense and feeling, the songs of long ago! The "Jungle Joe" effusion and kindred round-lays will do to hum or whistle throughout our busy days; and in the garish limelight the yodelers may yell, and Injun songs may flourish—and all is passing well; but when to light the heavens the shining stars return, and in the cottage windows the lights begin to burn, when parents and their children are seated by the fire, remote from worldly clamor, and all the world's desire, when eyes are soft and shining, and hearts with love aglow, how pleasant is the singing of songs of long ago!

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WALT MASON.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

COLONEL SAM JOHNSON—No, my running for mayor is mostly talk which is made without reference to my other engagements.

DR. MCCOY—There were many people on the wharf to say goodbye to Dr. Ramus, and he deserved all the good wishes offered him.

ENGINEER PIERCE—The water measurements on Kaula will be of great value to those who have irrigation schemes under consideration.

O. ST. JOHN GILBERT—There isn't any danger of cotton hurting the sugar industry because a lot of land that is all right for sugar cane is too wet for cotton.

CAPTAIN MILLER—The psychic influence of the subtle aroma arising from the variegated species of trees and flowers extant in Honolulu is much the same as the faded lotus flower.

JAMES O'SHEA—Some men are as vain as women. That volunteer piper from Johannesburg looked as proud as a peacock as he strutted along in his kilts yesterday.

CHARLES CHILLINGWORTH—I was at a Chinese dinner the other day when English sparrows, cured in peanut oil, were served in a cooked form. They were fine.

J. J. WILLIAMS—My photographs of revolutionary groups now on display have taught a lot of young fellows, who did not know it before, that their daddies carried guns in the old days.

JAMES STEINER—I am a member of the new Waikiki Improvement

Club and I am going to put up a \$12,000 home right away to show my good faith. I hope it will be a real improvement in the community.

SUPERVISOR KRUGER—I see John Hughes says he hears Chester Doyle wrote my letter to Durao. He's away off. Chester Doyle was on Hawaii when it was written. I suppose because "entre nous" was in the letter and Chester has a habit of saying "entre nous," somebody thought he wrote it.

JOHN A. McCANDLESS—It would be a mistake to think that we could stand a reduction of a cent a pound on raw sugar. At the present time there is a disparity between cane and beet sugar in New York of \$14.20 a ton. If a cent a pound were taken off, it would reduce the duty to about \$12.50 a ton, making us \$1.70 worse off than with free sugar. It would simply be a calamity to the Hawaiian Islands, in my opinion.

EDITOR SHEBA—Hawaii Shingo will reach its 5000th number shortly, and we propose to publish a special jubilee edition on the 14th inst. to celebrate its seventeen years' existence. To it a large number of prominent men in Hawaii and Japan will contribute articles. It is our wish to make the edition representative as possible as a paper published in the Crossroads of the Pacific, where the people of the world commingle in harmony, and to make it worthy of the reputation we have gained as an organ of American-Japanese friendship and good will.

"Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

A little rest—only a little rest;
The sun's too bright, the sky o'er
blue, the flowers too sweet;
Your way you may mend to the long
street's end,
Ere ever a friend you'll greet.

A little rest—an hour's brief respite
To sit and dream beneath the malia
tree,
Watching Atlantic's rollers gigantic
And their shrouded mystery.

A little rest—thinking of things well
loved
By all who left a dear land far
away:
Sensing the graces of Michaelmas
daisies
Plucked on a misty day.

If you want to know the time ask
a policeman.
If you want to find a policeman go
to a convention.

"Wonder if the colors ran when the
Industrial Workers of the World were
compelled to kiss the Stars and
Stripes at San Diego?"
"No, the Industrial Workers did."

Gooding certainly found a rich
field for his investigations.

A distinguished-looking Scotchman,
wearing military service medals, ar-
rived by the transport yesterday. His
impression of the populace of Honolu-
lu will undoubtedly be one of vul-
gar uncouthness. He wore kilts and
he wore them as to the manner born.
Passing along the streets he was
greeted by jeers and ridicule.

One local Scotchman got off a cap-
ital one when a local vet. asked him
what kilt-wearers did in the cold
weather?

"What do you do with your face
when it is cold?" exclaimed the Scot.
The smart vet must have consid-
ered the comparison odious for he drove
off in a state of duceen.

When the stranger enquired where
he could find the British consul he
was informed that he was either play-
ing golf or drinking whisky at the
club, and was asked if the Scotch
consul, who had an office in the
Young building and who had adopted

the Portuguese flag would do as well.
When he chanced to pass the
Orpheum theater some wit shouted to
an employee of the theater to shoo
him in and not let him escape such
another chance of catching such a
rare specimen might not occur again.

Some years ago Police Officer Need-
ham earned immortality by arresting a
killed Scotch gentleman as he was
descending the gangplank of a steam-
er which had just arrived and charg-
ing him with indecent exposure. That
was ten years ago but judging by
yesterday's distressing exhibition Ho-
nolulans don't seem to have mended
their manners to any appreciable ex-
tent.

A man can't be too fat to run for
office.

If you wait long enough the people
you don't like will either die or leave
town.

Have you noticed the overtime that
is being put in in certain administra-
tive offices just now?

The tradesmen's bills were out
bright and early on April 1 and there
was no fooling about them either.

"Chicken Patti," appeared on the
menu of a local restaurant the other
day. There's nothing of the chicken
about the real Patti.

A local song-wright is working on
a ditty entitled, "Be Careful of the
Shadow on the Blind." We wonder
wherever he got the idea!

What with communications in the
papers and expressions of opinion on
the street corners the city is getting
bill-bored to death.

We've heard of the charges of Frear
and Kohio. Wonder what Attorney
Ashford's charges will be when he
comes to make out his bill!

Field's report made a loud noise,
anyway.

Judging from interviews appearing
in the Coast papers Soldier King must
have become inoculated with the gab

germ which so afflicts poor, old S. B.
Baron, and going by the first batch
of results it has certainly "took."

Maybe Fisher's coming on a fishing
expedition.

The police dogs appear to do more
actual nabbing of criminals than all
the two-legged 'tces, Harry Lake not
excepted, put together.

A crumb of comfort, Mr. Henderson:
Silence is golden when it comes to
paying cable tolls.

University of Wisconsin sprinters
will find Rice anything but a pudding.

The sugar stocks are falling.
The tradesmen sorely groan
And no one but the janitors
Appear to hold 'their own.

The janitor reposes
In quietness two years,
But when there's talk of voting
He surely reappears.

To sweep a floor would kill him,
It would, as sure as fate;
Oh, why then is the janitor
Enrolled among the great?

The occupants of the Hilo Hack-
feld building had a fine chance to en-
joy some birds' nest soup.

The Sweetheart is pretty sure to be
a favorite among the ladies for the
Trans-Pacific race.

Crabbe is spoken of for deputy sher-
iff. Who said "lobster?"

Past Assistant Surgeon Trotter, P.
H. and H. M. S. is now in charge of
the federal quarantine work in Hawaii.
The job involves a lot of running
around but that shouldn't bother Trot-
ter.

The hat factories in Japan are
working night and day to supply felt
hats to Chinamen, who have cut off
their pigtails, and who are catching
cold in their heads. Fact!

The following lines reached us this
morning. They were unsigned but
remind us strangely of Dr. E. S. Good-
hue, the "Kipling of Kohala."
"The fly comes gaily unto us,
His feet all gummed with poison
pus."

GOETHALS WANTS
CANAL IN JUNGLE

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Chair-
man Goethals of the Isthmian canal
commission would drive inhabitants
from the Panama canal zone and let
it grow up a jungle without clear-
ings sufficient to permit an enemy to
congregate or a foe of this govern-
ment to exist.

He suggested this plan today to
the senate committee on canals and
the house committee on appropri-
ations as a means of safeguarding the
canal property.

The first ship will pass through
the canal in August or September,
1913, said Goethals. The committees
are greatly interested in Goethals' ac-
count of his interview with the Ger-
man emperor, who advised strong for-
tification of the canal.

The colonel opposed the exemption
of coastwise vessels from tolls on the
ground that it would keep down the
revenues and also because coast cit-
ies already had lower rates than in-
terior cities. He said the bulk of the
benefit of such an exemption would go
to the steamship companies.

He also opposed the proposition
that railroad ownership of stock in
steamship companies be prohibited,
giving as his reason that such an in-
hibition would reduce receipts.

GRUBSTAKES CHINESE:

NOW GETS A FORTUNE

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—Sam
Yet, perhaps America's richest Chi-
nese miner, came into town today
from Nevada prepared to divide his
fortune half and half with Sheriff
William A. Hammel. Several local
mining men who know the Chinese
declare his properties are worth from
\$500,000 to \$750,000. Five years ago
he was a prosperous Nevada ranch-
man with plenty of money and a
handsome white wife. After she died,
Sam Yet began gambling and soon
lost everything.

Hammel, who had known the Chi-
nese rancher a long time and believ-
ed in his integrity and ability, loan-
ed him \$1600 for a new start. The
Chinese went prospecting again, lo-
cated and sold half a dozen valuable
claims in the Goldfield country, and
finally found something that looked
too good to sell, which he has since
been working. Hammel says he nev-

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er saw the property, but has been
shown many rich samples from there.
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CURIO SHOP SOLD

Riotow's curio shop in the Oregon
block, on Hotel street, has been pur-
chased by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, florist,
who will take possession some time
before the first of the month. The
present proprietors are retiring from
the business.

Mrs. Taylor has purchased the pre-
sent stock of curios, but expects to
close them out as soon as practicable
and will occupy the store room with
her flower shop, which, on account of
the improvement to be made to the
Young Hotel building, necessitates
her vacating her present quarters.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIRST CIRCUIT—TERRITORY OF
HAWAII. At Chambers—in Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Malle
Hiram, Deceased. Order of Notice
of Hearing Petition for Administra-
tion.

On reading and filing the Petition
of David K. Kahea of Honolulu, al-
leging that Malle Hiram of Kailua, Ko-
olaupoko, died intestate at Kailua,
Koolau, on the day of
February, A. D. 1904, leaving property
within the jurisdiction of this Court
necessary to be administered, and
praying that Letters of Administra-
tion issue to him.

It is ordered that Wednesday, the
24th day of April, A. D. 1912, at 9
o'clock a. m., be and hereby is ap-
pointed for hearing said Petition in
the courtroom of this Court in the
old Y. M. C. A. building in the City
and County of Honolulu, at which
time and place all persons concerned
may appear and show cause, if any
they have, why said Petition should
not be granted.

By the Court:
JOHN MARCALLINO,
Clerk, First Circuit Court.
Dated Honolulu, March 21, 1912.
THOMPSON, WILDER, WATSON
& LYMER,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

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